

**The
Saskatchewan
Farmers' Political
Association**



Constitution

CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Political Association as issued from the head office of that body this week is as follows:

1. The name of the association shall be "The Saskatchewan Farmers' Political Association" and is hereinafter referred to as "The Association."

2. The objects of the association are: To encourage and assist farmer political committees in each constituency to elect to parliament and the legislature candidates pledged to support the interests of agriculture as laid down from time to time by this association, and, among others, the following:

(a) To encourage and foster all co-operative enterprises as steps leading to the establishment of a co-operative commonwealth.

(b) To secure the public ownership of our public utilities, particularly those relating to electric power.

(c) To further the development of our natural resources under public control and in the public interest.

(d) To make available gradually to all persons, at cost, professional and other services which are essential to the welfare of the individual.

(e) To promote better trade relationships and wider markets by the removal of artificial trade restrictions and particularly the securing of immediate free trade with Great Britain.

(f) To abolish the party system and the institution of such electoral and legislative reforms as are necessary to secure representative and responsible government.

(g) To further those movements and national policies that tend to establish universal peace.

3. To co-operate with other organizations having similar aims and ideals.

4. Membership:

(a) Any resident of Saskatchewan, who supports the principles of the association and pays the membership fee shall be considered a member of this association.

(b) Membership fee in the association shall be fifty cents per annum.

5. Conventions:

(a) The regular annual meeting of the association shall be held at least once a year and shall be known as

the "Annual Convention." Other meetings, to be known as "special conventions" may be held in the discretion of the provincial executive. The time and place of holding any convention shall be determined by the provincial executive.

(b) The annual or any special convention shall consist of six duly appointed delegates from each affiliated federal constituency organization and two duly appointed delegates from each affiliated provincial constituency organization, together with the elected officers of this association.

6. Provincial Committee and Executive:

The provincial committee shall consist of one representative from each federal constituency and this provincial committee of twenty-one shall elect from amongst themselves a chairman, a vice-chairman and seven others. These nine shall constitute the provincial executive.

7. Auditing.

The annual convention shall appoint an auditor to audit the books of the association and report at the next succeeding annual convention.

8 Duties and Powers of Provincial Committee:

The provincial committee shall, in carrying on the work of the association, among other things:

(a) Carry on the work of the association and deal with all matters requiring attention during the intervals between annual conventions.

(b) Act as a central committee for the various constituency organizations.

(c) Endeavor to organize Saskatchewan Farmer Political Associations in the various federal and provincial constituencies of the province.

(d) Advise the constituency committees and assist them in holding nominating conventions and conducting election campaigns.

(e) Co-ordinate, as far as possible, the work of the various constituency committees throughout the province.

9. Duties and Powers of Provincial Executive:

(a) The chairman may, and shall on written request of a majority of its members, call a meeting of the provincial executive by at least ten days' written notice duly mailed or delivered to each member.

(b) The provincial executive shall appoint a secretary-treasurer or secretary and treasurer and such other officers and employees as it sees fit and determine the duties and fix the remuneration of each of them.

10. Records:

Proper records shall be kept of

the proceedings of all committee and executive meetings and the minutes of all business transacted shall be submitted for approval to the next succeeding annual convention.

11. Financial Support:

The funds necessary to carry on the work of this association shall be obtained by membership fees or in such other manner as may be approved by the annual convention.

12. Amendment to Constitution:

Any proposed amendment to the constitution shall be carried by a two-thirds majority vote in its support at any annual convention or special convention.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO
CONSTITUENCIES**

1. There should be an annual meeting of the members of the association in each constituency to receive reports of the constituency committee and of the representative of the constituency in the legislature or parliament, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

2. As far as possible, organization should be on the basis of polling sub-divisions.

3. Nominating conventions should be called in a democratic manner, and the delegates should be elected by members of the association in such manner as the constituency shall decide.

4. All contributions to meet expenses of nominating conventions or the election of candidates should be made solely to the funds of the constituency committee.

5. The Provincial Committee set an objective of 1000 members by July 1, 1930, for each constituency.

6. Membership cards may be obtained at the office at a nominal fee for use of constituencies.

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